

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

In this Amendment, Applicants canceled claims 27 – 42, and added new claims 43 – 84. Claims 43 – 84 are pending in the present application.

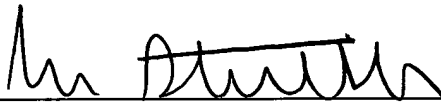
Applicants respectfully contend that the new claims are not taught by or render obvious in view of the cited references.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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